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APRIL 18-22

1. IN A JAM-PACKED TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS, THE NINE
MEMBER NWC GROUP-1 TALKED TO MISSION OFFICERS, SENIOR
OFFICERS OF THE DANISH DEFENSE COMMAND, KEY OFFICIALS
IN THE MFA, AND HEARD MORE THAN THEY WANTED TO KNOW
ABOUT COMBALTAP. A COCKTAIL BUFFET GIVEN BY THE DCM
OFFERED THE GROUP THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP
ON MANY OF THE POINTS TOUCHED ON DURING THE FORMAL
DISCUSSION SESSIONS.

2. THE DANES WERE GRACIOUS HOSTS AND EXTREMELY RECEIPTIVE
TO THE GROUP'S QUESTIONS. THEY SEEMED TO APPRECIATE HAVING
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE AN INDICATION OF THE BROAD POLICY AREAS
WHICH THE NWC GROUP WISHED THEM TO ADDRESS. THE DEFENSE
COMMAND'S BRIEFINGS IN PARTICULAR REFLECTED PRIOR PREPARATION
OF THE TOPICS. CONSEQUENTLY THE GROUP COULD THEN RAISE MORE
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SPECIFIC POINTS DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS.

3. THE AFTERNOON SPEND AT COMBALTAP WAS INFORMATTIVE TO AN
EXTREME. SOME CRITICISM THAT THE BRIEFINGS WERE TOO CONCERNED
WITH "NUTS AND BOLTS" WAS JUSTIFIED, BUT AS MEMBERS OF THE
GROUP HAD NOT SPECIFIED EXACTLY WHICH SUBJECTS THEY WANTED
DISCUSSED, THE FORMAT OF SLIDES AND FACTS AND FIGURES WAS

PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLE. THE EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THAT
FUTURE NWC VISITORS MORE SHARPLY IDENTIFY THEIR INTERESTS
IF THEY WISH TO VISIT COMBALTAP AGAIN.

4. THE EMBASSY WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH THE CALIBER
OF NWC GROUP-1, AND WOULD WELCOME OTHER NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
STUDENTS IN THE FUTURE. THE GROUP'S THOUGHTFUL ATTENTION TO
DANISH CONCERNES RECEIVED PRAISE FROM THEIR DANISH HOSTS WHO
WERE PLEASED WITH THE PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
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